suggestions for review of the Cinematographic Act, 1952 and the Rules made thereunder. In the light of the objectives of Film Certification, the Government has advised CBFC that the stray suggestion received by CBFC regarding 'XA' (X Rating) film certification is neither desirable nor in order and therefore need not be considered.

Action against Doordarshan defaulters

*16. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Doordarshan has initiated action against private producers and agencies which owe a total of Rs. 169.28 crores;

(b) if so, the total number of private producers and agencies which have been continuously delaying payments;

(c) how much has so far, been recovered from them;

(d) in how many cases legal action has been taken; and

(e) how many, out of the defaulters, have been refused permission or extension of their programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Prasar Bharati has intimated that out of Rs. 169.28 crores, outstanding against 71 agencies (as on 31st March, 2002), Prasar Bharati has made recovery of Rs. 19.18 crore as on date. Twenty nine defaulting producers and marketing agencies are delaying payments. Prasar Bharati has further informed that in 40 cases, legal action has been initiated and 47 companies/agencies have not been allowed business with Doordarshan.

Joint venture between India and Iran

*17. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Iran have decided to takeup joint infrastructure projects in Afghanistan and other countries of the region;